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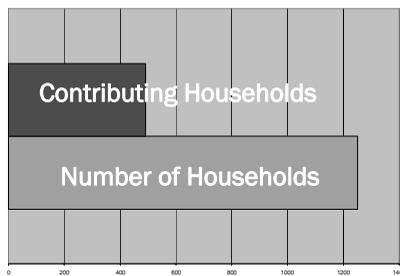
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***Greenfield Township
Volunteer Fire Company
(GTVFC) Fire/EMS Station 24
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Greenfield Needs Volunteers

By The Recruitment & Retention Committee

There are many reasons why townships like Greenfield have volunteer fire companies. The most important is to protect the community and another is financial. Protecting Greenfield Township takes a lot of hard work and dedicated volunteers. The fire company provides fire protection services; emergency medical services (EMS); storm and hazardous materials handling; and mutual aid services to its surrounding communities. This would not be possible without vigorous training; updated equipment; EMS supplies; engine, ambulance and tanker maintenance; and fuel. All these services require funds.

The Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Company (GTVFC) also saved the township approximately \$250,000 in taxes, according to the 2007 GTVFC Annual Report. If Greenfield had to pay for a fire department, it would cost taxpayers approximately \$1,670,000 annually.

Here's why:

- *Based on the average wage and benefits for fire service, \$250,000 equates to 4.5 full-time employees.*
- *One full-time employee's annual salary would cost \$55,556.*
- *According to the National Fire Protection Association's guidelines, 30 is the minimum number of firefighters needed for 24-hour protection.*
- *GTVFC has 12 qualified firefighters.*
- *By adding 18 more firefighters to reach a goal of 30, this equates to \$1,670,000 per year.*

More volunteer firefighters would definitely increase the community's safety and protection. So where does that leave Greenfield Township? The main issue is that current volunteer firefighters are aging (some having been with GTVFC for over 20 years). GTVFC is also losing younger volunteers to relocation, higher education and military duty. Responders to incidents, especially during the day, are less than it had been in the past, due to availability of personnel. Since 1997, the number of incidents per year has increased by 100, averaging two calls per day.

So What Can You Do?

- *Volunteer your time with GTVFC and help protect the community in which you live.*
- *Learn valuable skills and training that will ultimately protect property and save lives.*
- *Learn CPR and First Aid.*
- *Join the GTVFC family and become life-long friends.*
- *Be a hero to your family, friends and neighbors.*

How Can You Do It?

Stop by the Greenfield Township municipal building on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Meet our firefighters, EMS team and other volunteers. Talk to the recruitment team and learn what it takes to be a hero.

Fire Prevention History-Part 1

By F. Bales— CFPS, CFI, Fire Chief GTVFC

Why is Fire Prevention Week Always the Week of October 9th?

Since 1925, every president has declared a national observance during of fire prevention to coincide with the week of October 9th, this year the week of October 5-11. The date commemorates the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The fire began on October 8th, peaked, and ended on October 9th after destroying more than 17,000 building, leaving 100,000 people homeless, and killing 250 people.

At the time, the city was a blur of factories, stockyards, mills, and residential buildings intermixed with little regard for fire safety and building codes or zoning. In year preceding the fire, the city averaged 2 fires per day, with more than 20 fires being reported in the week just prior to the fire.

The fire started around 9pm in the area of the O'Leary barn on DeKoven Street, which is now the site of Chicago Fire Department Training Academy. Fed by dry conditions and strong winds, the fire raced though the city streets, rapidly devouring building after building. When the fire finally ended, the city of Chicago looked like a war zone. The fire had left a burned out path four miles long and nearly a mile long across the face of the city.

Because of the fire, Chicago and many cities around the country adopted fire and building codes, to try a curb the spread for fire and stop the rising loss of life due to fires. As such, the Fire Prevention Week is aimed at renewing our focus on prevention fires, saving lives, and providing a fire safe environment for our community.

This is the first in a series of articles that will discuss fire prevention and historic fires.

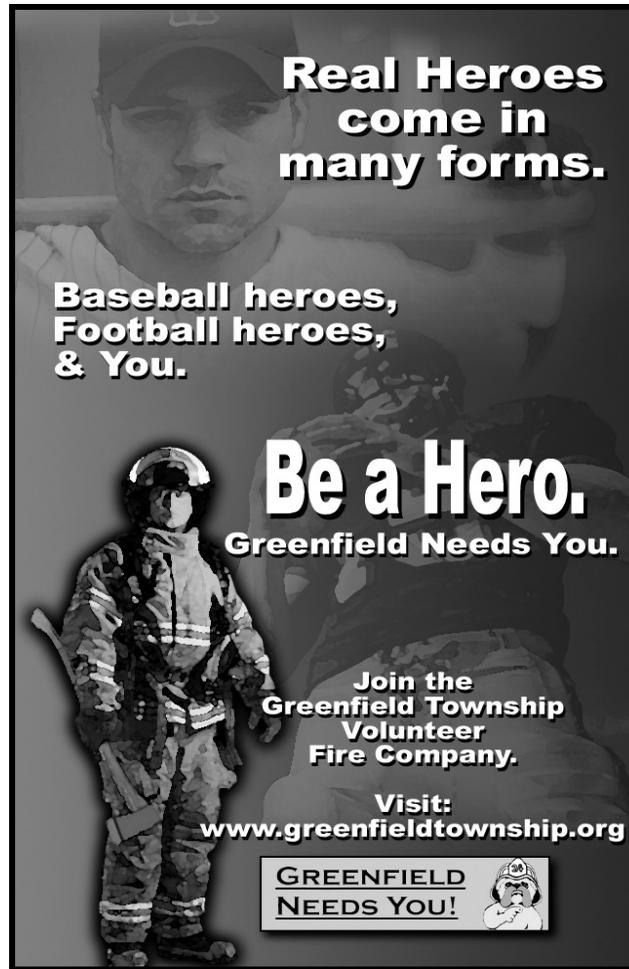
Recruitment Program Kick-Off

By Linda Drennan—Administrative Member

Smiling from ear to ear, face smeared with chocolate icing from a just devoured cupcake, and proudly carrying his new T-shirt, the young boy's expression said it all; "We're part of a team and we are having fun!"

This was the spirit at the kick-off of the Greenfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Company's Recruitment Program. Here at the ball field, the township's young players and their families gathered to reap the rewards of their teamwork and watch their coaches play a game against the members of the fire company. The kids got a kick out of our "tactical decision" to hose down

the coaches on the third base line in a futile attempt to prevent the score from becoming downright embarrassing! With the fire engine and tender in the background, all the players were handed T-shirts with the call to future fire fighters on the back: **Be a Hero - Greenfield Needs You.** Young children observed the pride and camaraderie of the members of the fire company as they handed each player his T-shirt. Perhaps this night some young children will dream of becoming a part of another team: the future's Greenfield Township Volunteer Firefighters.



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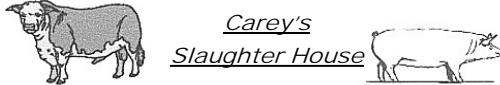
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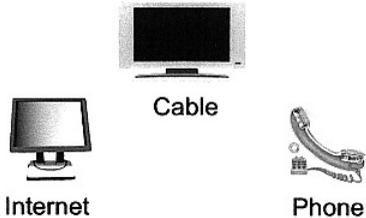
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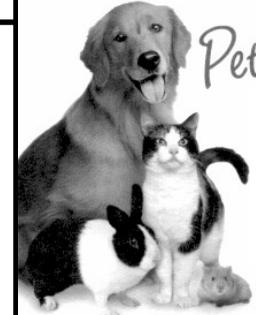
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